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I believe the settlement proposed by the Department of Justice is flawed and will do very little to improve competition in the software industry. It is full of loopholes that will allow Microsoft to continue its past behavior in maintaining its monopoly, and will actually protect it from future action.

The proposed settlement is poorly written, and insufficient means of enforcement are provided.

If you consider how few companies in the computer industry have stood up against the monopolist and made their voices on this matter known, it becomes clear that they are all afraid to fight back. This is how a monopolist maintains their monopoly.

The proposed settlement is not in the public interest.

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